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BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

NAME: Edgar Maurice Cortright

ORAL HISTORY: 20 August 1998

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

B.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., Troy, New York, 1947.
M.S. in Aeronautical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., Troy, New York, 1949.
NACA Nuclear Engineering School, 1957.
Doctor of Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst., Troy, New York, 1975.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE: Lieutenant, United States Navy (j.g.)

PRE-NASA CAREER:

Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), Cleveland, OH
Aeronautical Research Scientist (1948)
Head of Small Supersonic Tunnels Section (1949-1954)
Chief, Eight-by-Six-Foot Supersonic Wind Tunnel Branch (1954-1958)

NASA CAREER:

NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC
Chief of Advanced Technology (1958-1959)
Assistant Director for Lunar and Planetary Programs, Office of Space Flight Programs, (1960-61)
Deputy Director for Space Science and Applications (1961-1963)
Deputy Associate Administrator for Space Science and Applications (1963-1968)
Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Manned Space Flight, (1968)
Director, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA (1968-1975)

POST-NASA CAREER:

Corporate Vice President and Technical Director, Owens Illinois Corporation, Owen, IL (1975-1979).
Lockheed-California Co., Los Angeles, CA
Senior Vice President for Science and Engineering (1978)
President (1979-1983)

CURRENT OCCUPATION: Retired

PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:

- Member, Sigma Xi (Scientific Research Society)
- Member, Tau Beta Pi (Honorary Engineering Society)
- Member, Pi Delta Sigma
- Fellow, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
- Member, National Academy of Engineers
- Member, American Astronautical Society (AAS)

AWARDS & CITATIONS:

- Arthur Flemming Award, 1963
- NASA Outstanding Leadership, 1966
- NASA Distinguished Service, 1967
- AAS Space Flight Award, 1970
- George Washington University Honorary Doctor of Science, 1973

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

Cortright, Edgar M., ed., Exploring Space With A Camera. Washington, DC: NASA, 1968.

Cortright, Edgar M., ed., Apollo Expeditions to the Moon. Washington, DC: NASA, 1975.

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Edgar M. Cortright, NASA Biographical Data Sheet (October 1967), Biographical Files, NASA History Office, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC.

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